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For: **TEXTURE INFORMATION ASSIGNMENT METHOD, OBJECT EXTRACTION METHOD, THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL GENERATING METHOD, AND APPARATUS THEREOF**

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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(c)

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In accordance with M.P.E.P section 609(A)(3), it is respectfully submitted that the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the submission of an English version of the office action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the Japanese Patent Office.

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